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Subject Fw: Request to attend Board of Forestry Tour in Lane County
- October 19, 2010

FYI.

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Subject: Re: Request to attend Board of Forestry Tour in Lane County - October 19, 2010

Brad/ Dan/ Marganne:

Sorry for the delayed response. Based on my discussion with ODA leadership, I will be the Oregon Department of Agriculture representative to attend the tour and assist the Oregon Department of Forestry board members with any questions regarding the sales, use or distribution of pesticides in Oregon. Please keep me posted as the arrangements are finalized. I strongly recommend an afternoon meeting with local land owners/companies for the board members to clearly understand the various views points and perspectives.

Sincerely,

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On Sep 1, 2010, at 4:56 PM, KNOTTS Bradley A wrote:

Hi, Dale.

Thanks for considering the ODF request for you or another ODA representative to attend the Board of Forestry tour that will be hosted by Day Owen in Lane County on October 19. When the ODA leadership has made a decision on ODA representation at the tour, please respond to our Agency Affairs Director (with a cc to me also), who is coordinating board and ODF participation in the tour. Here is his contact information:

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Also, I wanted to emphasize again that the role of agency representatives will be only to provide technical information, at the request of the board members for the most part. The plan is to have three of the board members on the tour. ODF plans to have a DAS van for the board and agency attendees. The subjects we expect Mr. Owen to raise would be related to forest herbicide applications in the vicinity of homes and the local school and, possibly, turbidity in streams in the area that some have attributed to timber harvesting operations and forest roads.

Here is an excerpt from a message from Dan Postrel that provides more information on the logistics of the tour:

-- Oct. 19, 9-noon works for him [Mr. Owen]. He suggested the parking lot of the Low Pass Diner on Highway 36 in Cheshire as the initial meeting point.

-- He agreed to provide the tour itinerary (we didn't go over it in detail), and is amenable to coordinating with Dave [Lorenz] to drive and scout the tour route in advance. I shared with him that Dave may want to do that fairly soon.

-- I let him [Mr. Owen] know of our need to keep the Board group to three tops, and that the Board members may have a separate visit with landowners in the afternoon. He seemed understanding of those considerations.

-- During the tour, three others from his group might accompany him. (b) (6)

-- I asked him if he was planning any kind of protest or rally. He said he's picturing the final stop of the tour being a place where maybe a dozen people would meet with the Board. He portrayed this as low key. Apparently this is similar to the EPA tour, which ended at the Deadwood Community Center. As we've discussed, there's a certain amount of unpredictability inherent in this.

We will provide more information as it firms up.

Thanks again.

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